



S.V.A.C.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 5 FEB 2013

Location: NG Aviation Facility, Concord

In Attendance:

<p><u>Members:</u></p> <p>Peter Burdett, Chairman, MOAA Bobby Broneske, Vice Chairman, CVMA Steph Riley, Secretary, NGANH Sen. Sam Cataldo Rep. Robert Theberge Rep. Al Baldasaro Francis "Sharkey" Madden, AMLEGION Bill Roy, AMLEGION Benjamin Saxon, DAV Ron Reilly, DAV Greg Lynch, VFW Jim Golden, VFW Kenith Chase, MOPH Al Grant, VVA Raymond Goulet, Jr VVA Mike Horne, ROA Kevin Grady, AFA Ed Josephson, AFA Mark Willen, Rolling Thunder Joe Shea, MCL Ray Hayes, AFSA Frank Musmanno, NH Army Retiree Council Susan Cuddy, WVA Mary Morin, WVA Mike Farinola, CVMA Raymond Schwendeman, CVMA</p>	<p><u>Advisors:</u> (non-voting) Peggy Labrecque, NH Veterans Home</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Sarah Holmes, Special Assistant for Senator Shaheen Steve Monier, Special Assistant for Senator Ayotte Joshua Denton, caseworker for Rep Shea-Porter Michael Ollen, CSC for Rep McLane-Kuster Amy Kennedy, Policy Advisor for Gov Hassan Howie Howe, HOTH Karen McCarthy, WVA Henry Pratte, Veterans Museum of NH Michael Rice, NHNG Enlisted Association/ESGR CSM John Nanof, NHARNG COL Kenneth Lull, NH ESGR Vickie Lull, military spouse Ken Maynard Robert Garand, Catholic War Veterans Russell Bilodeau, Catholic War Veterans Judy Crockett, Manchester VA Jesse Garcia, SSFV Harbor Homes Cate Sementa, SSFV Harbor Homes Gary Carpenter, Veteran Business Organization Kevin Fox, Harbor Homes Gerard Boles- VVA</p>
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1. Open Meeting/ Call to order: Chairman, Pete Burdett convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance: P Burdett

Invocation: K Grady

b. Welcome/Remarks: Talked with Griff, he is getting in contact with people; he did an interview with Rep. Kuster recently. Talked with Paul Moore from Mooremart regarding Veterans' Courts, which has been reviewed before by SVAC. Some ideas revolved around a veterans' drivers license that IDs someone as a vet; getting a veteran friendly judge in court. Paul has met with Gerry Boyle, a judge who is retired military and the process is proceeding, more to follow.

Approved

The Vet Mobile golf cart for the Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen is still being pursued. Will probably start with the donation of one golf cart. The money has been donated by the Combat Veterans' Motorcycle Association, will start looking at purchasing one. Ben Saxon and Joe Daley have been helpful in the process.

c. Introduction of New Members/Guests/Visitors:

Peggy Labrecque- new Commandant of the NH Veterans Home
Gary Carpenter- on BOD for Veteran Business Owner Association
Kevin Fox- Harbor Homes
Jessie Garcia- Harbor Homes
Amy Kennedy- policy advisor to Gov Hassan
Gerard Boles- VVA
Paul Adams-new member of the State Veteran's Council (which is like the BOD for Mary Morin's office)

d. Secretary's Report: S Riley reported the presence of a quorum, making it an official meeting. The minutes from the JAN 2013 were amended to correct the attendance roster. The minutes were approved with a motion by G Lynch, and a 2nd by M Horne, unanimous vote to accept minutes.

e. Speakers:

Gary Carpenter, Veteran Business Owners Association-Is on the BOD of the VBO and the Chairman of the Planning Committee. <http://www.veteranbusinessowners.org/index.html> Was founded by Jerry Pinsky about 9 years ago at the Bedford, Massachusetts location of the Veterans' Health Administration with the purpose of helping veterans expand employment opportunities beyond the realm of the typical low-wage, low-commitment jobs offered to veterans with disabilities. There are 5 locations: HQ is in Bedford; also in Brockton, MA; Causeway Clinic in Boston; West Haven, CT; and recently opened the Manchester VA location. Currently running a Veteran Business Self-Employment Classroom every Monday evening from 1800-2000 at the Manchester VA. It is an 18 week business program of vets helping vets through emotional and physical disabilities with business enterprise. Have an Empowerment Bank through Babson College with their entrepreneurial program that they have. They designed a program that has a start up bank that can give small loans. We have given out about 1000 loans and all of them have been paid back on time.

[Burdett]-if you are a veteran wanting to go in business for yourself, this is a great program to look into.

2. Old Business:

a. Legislative Committee- Ed Josephson: has sent out the LSR spreadsheet to everyone. Will cover the 4 Senate Bills first, include the 2 controversial bills. Then will go through the bills that the TAG supports. Then will cover the veterans' bills and then the miscellaneous bills that we might want to drop or just follow.

SB 47- relative to the surviving spouse retaining the right to use the Purple Heart license plate until he or she dies or remarries. Have had several presentations on this in the past. Have voted unanimously to oppose this bill in the past and voted down all amendments. It passed the Senate and the House Transportation Committee but it did not pass the House Veterans Affairs Committee, it was put in for further study and it was not carried forward. It was resubmitted this year. Military Order of the Purple Heart has 27 states that allow it to be done, 2 states give the MOPH the right to make the decision to allow it (one allows it and the other doesn't) and the rest don't allow it.

[Baldasaro]-the bill passed the Transportation Committees but the Veteran Affairs committee voted to kill it last year, with one vote supporting it. It was moved to interim study and was voted down again. I can't support it personally.

[Burdett]-the hearing for the bill was 29 JAN; I attended along with other SVAC members. The Chair is holding the executive session off on this until they hear from us.

[Josephson]-one argument is that the spouse pays in many ways in dealing with and caring for a Purple Heart recipient. The vast majority of veterans do not support allowing the spouse to retain the plate after the recipient dies and the vast majority of dependents and friends do support letting the spouse retain the plate. In NH we are the only one of the New England states that doesn't allow it. Arguments against some of the compromises have been personal, some just don't want to do it and there might be an additional cost to the state that some are against.

[Patty Fowler]- there are 30 states nationwide that have passed it. NH is the only New England state not adopting it. NH does have a statute that allows POW and Pearl Harbor spouses to retain that plate.

[Chase]- polled the NH MOPH and the consensus was no against the plate being used in that manner. However, they did consider an amendment that would have spouse being designated on the plate; all but one member polled was for an amendment like that.

[Burdett]-right now the spouse gets to retain the plate until the next time the car is due to be registered. Then they can physically keep the plate but it can no longer be displayed on the car.

[Josephson]-POW and Pearl Harbor plates can be retained by spouses. Some consider this to be the precedent for this plate. However, that statute was adopted before the SVAC was formed and we didn't get to weigh in on that legislation.

Approved

[Theberge]- the Veterans Affairs committee, which both Rep Baldasaro and I are on, supports whatever SVAC decides regardless of our
The bill was read by Pete Burdett as written without any amendments. The VSO representatives and the NH legislators have a vote, no one else is allowed to vote. There was one aye and the rest were nay to support the bill.

Discussion open for amendments:

Amendment 1:

[Chase]- spoke with Sen D'Allesandro regarding an amendment for the bill which he was in agreement with, as well as leadership of the NH MOPH were in agreement with. It would state that there would be a spouse's designation on the plate of the surviving spouse. Could issue a new plate or have the existing one engraved or have a sticker placed on it. The amendment would be worded to show the concept of having the plate identified as the spouse of a Purple Heart recipient.

[Baldasaro]-tried to do a similar compromise in the past but the support wasn't there for it because of the argument that the spouse didn't earn the Purple Heart

[Theberge]- point of clarification: do we want the spouse to have been married to the recipient at the time that the Purple Heart was received

[Burdett]- the way the bill is written now, it only addresses who the spouse is at the time of the death of the recipient. It does not look back.

[Farinola]-we are talking about a concept for the plate. We have heard Richard Daley talk about the difficulties of changing license plates. Need to have hard words outlining what the amendment entails.

[Burdett]-hard words will be written in if the bill goes forward, we want to vote on the concept of the bill

Amendment 2:

[Josephson]-Have been trying to find a compromise. The idea of adding a label or an engraving to the license has been turned down twice. Last August was registering the car and both my wife and my name appear on the registration. How can they take away the plate from the spouse if they were on the registration legally? Three states allow the surviving spouse to retain the plate if both names were on the registration. If both names were not, the spouse cannot retain the plate. The administrative cost would be zero. Could have a special RSA to grandfather folks in on spouses that were listed on the registration in the past and did not retain the plate.

[Morin]-only one issue that I see, if you go to get a veteran's plate and you aren't listed first on the registration, you won't get it.

[Josephson]-would have to have special RSA to allow for changing the order on the registration.

[Burdett]-Jeb Bradley had an amendment that stated the recipient could approve in writing passing on the plate to surviving spouse. This was shot down.

Discussion continued about passing on cost of new plate to surviving spouse; having a separate plate for spouses; having a sticker go on the plate; and having the use of the plate end when the recipient dies.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to end amendment discussion with no further action, seconded by M Farinola. Vote was unanimous to end discussion and not pass either amendment.

SB 88- Honor and Remember Flag legislation. Has been very controversial, have had several presentations about it, have continued to non-support the legislation. Has been re-introduced this year and asks to have flag displayed at the State House and the Veterans Cemetery on 5 different days: Gold Star Mother's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, National POW/MIA Day, and Veteran's Day. The major argument against this is most veterans feel that they "served under the American flag and want to be buried under the American flag". Discussion revolved around not being sure what the advantage was in making it an official flag for the state. There were concerns about any cost being associated with the legislation and what the flag protocol for flying it might be.

Motion made by R Theberge not to accept the bill, seconded by A Baldasaro and the vote was unanimous to not accept the bill.

HB 244- establishing the Purple Heart toll pass for qualifying veterans. Would involve the commissioner issuing a transponder for the car with the Purple Heart license plate. Would only be good for NH tolls. Did not pass 2 years ago because of concerns that unauthorized people might use the EZ pass. Came up ITL (Inexpedient to Legislate) today with a vote of 14-0.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to not support the bill. Seconded by G Lynch

[Cataldo]- am a co-sponsor of the bill. Spoke at the hearing today, bill will not be abused if the person understands the honor associated with it. It is a sign of recognition for the individual

[Riley]-I have a transponder and when I have tried to use it in another vehicle; I have gotten a ticket from EZ Pass. It takes a picture of your license plate to match it to the one that the transponder is issued to.

Approved

Motion made by A Baldasaro to withdraw his original motion and made a motion to have no position on the bill. Was seconded by G Lynch. Vote taken with the majority in agreement to have no position, there were two “nays” noted.

SB 15 Naming a portion of route 101 after the 101st Airborne Division Screaming Eagles. (From Ocean Blvd in Hampton to Bedford). We have made a decision in the past to support “naming bills” but this one is different because it applies to one unit in particular

[Baldasaro]- will have to be reworked because not all of that road is available

Motion made by M Farinola to not support, seconded by K McCarthy. Vote was majority to non-support with one vote to support

SB 36 The property tax exemption for veterans who are totally and permanently disabled from service connection. There are several similar bills. Ed attended a hearing on a similar bill and it was discussed that different communities would be affected differently. For example Bedford might lose out \$3 million in tax revenue while Newmarket might only lose \$12,000. This is not enabling legislation, it is directive. Needs to come up with new language.

[Burdett] HB 446 is a similar bill, should connect the two and vote on them similarly. The language of 446 is very confusing. Enabling legislation means that cities and towns can decide what the limits are and how they want to apply them.

Motion made by R Theberge to non-support both SB 36 and HB 446, seconded by M Farinola

[Theberge]- the difference between a tax exemption and a tax credit is that a credit it comes off the valuation of the property's assessment while the exemption is the amount agreed upon by the state or town. My constituents are starting to push back on all of the credits and exemptions for veterans; they see it as having to shoulder more of the tax burden.

[Morin]-was an amendment proposed involving means testing?

Motion was voted on to oppose both of these bills. The majority was in favor of the motion; A Baldasaro recused himself until he sees an amendment.

HB 519-requiring the division of higher education to develop a policy on academic credit for a student's military occupation, military training, coursework, and experience

HB 615-the NHNG recruitment and retention scholarship fund and making an appropriation therefore

HB 607-construction projects for the Adjutant General's department

HB 524-national guard facilities, the national guard scholarship fund and the state active duty death benefit

Motion made by R Theberge to support all of the bills related to the Adjutant General's department, seconded by A Baldasaro, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 137-special numbers plates for members of the National Guard. It allows for a NH resident that may be in a guard unit in another state to have a NH guard plate.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by G Lynch, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 319- benefits for state employees serving in the armed forces (NHNG, Navy/Army/Air Reserves). Would support if there was pending language change. There is already an existing RSA 110-C that is in conflict with the language in this bill. The TAG recommended that it should just reference RSA 110-C and make any changes to 110-C so there is only one place that would be referenced for benefits. There was no fiscal note attached to the bill.

Motion to support bill, pending language change, made by A Baldasaro, seconded by A Grant, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 163-allows the eligible disabled vet to choose between using the veteran's license plate or the handicapped plate. If they choose the veteran's plate, they would need to display the handicap placard to show they are able to park in handicap spots.

Motion to support the bill made by A Baldasaro, seconded by R Schwendeman, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 220- NH Medal of Honor- this bill tightens up the rules for the NH Medal of Honor. Want to delete “Line of Duty” and make it “military service”. Clarifies the qualifications for the Medal and states that a Board will approve the recipient.

Approved

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by R Theberge, voted on and passed unanimously.
[Theberge]-this bill has already passed in the Veterans Affairs committee

HB 518- establishing an individual's status as a veteran and specifying that training for active duty is service for purposes of veterans' tax credit. It would have to be Title 10 (Active Duty) training. Would not be retroactive.
[Baldasaro]-this bill was submitted last year but the Honor and Remember Flag amendment was added to it and it did not pass. This bill adds the Statement of Service document and the DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty form) to the list of documents that can be used to get the veteran tax credit. It does not change the definition of a veteran.

Motion to support bill made by A Baldasaro, seconded by G Lynch, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 509- American Legion office space- will be moving from the State House Annex. In 1921 the American Legion gave the state a land donation.

Motion made to support bill by A Baldasaro, seconded by F Madden, voted on and passed unanimously.

HB 234- occupational and professional boards and commissions' procedures concerning military service and occupational experience or training. One for the spouses and one for the military service member. To make it easier to get a license and/or certification in the state of NH. Only one opposition at the hearing that doesn't get covered by the military anyway.

[Baldasaro]-these people have licenses or certifications in other states or through the military and this enables them to waive the schooling and just take an exam to get licensed or certified in NH.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by M Farinola, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 624- waiving the residency requirement for in-state tuition rates for veterans attending the university system of New Hampshire. Normally the residency requirement is 3 years to establish residency. This especially affects veterans that are trying to use their GI Bill in NH schools.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by R Theberge, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 176- allowing towns and cities to grant a part year veterans credit during the year of acquisition of the property. Want to amend it so if a veteran moves out, the new property owner (if a non-veteran) cannot benefit from the tax credit on the remainder of the year. Was already found to be Inexpedient to Legislate, could be because it would cause a lot of work to actually carry it out

Motion made to support the bill by A Baldasaro, seconded by F Madden, voted on with majority in favor and R Theberge against.

HB 498- permitting the use of firearms by military or veterans groups in the compact part of a town for military or veterans events, or national holidays.

Motion made by R Theberge to support the bill, seconded by S Cataldo, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 233- the care of War Memorials in Franconia Notch State Park

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by R Theberge, voted on and passed unanimously

HCR 1- Urging Congress to fund the development and implementation of a comprehensive healthcare delivery system to enhance the level of specialty care for NH veterans

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support the bill, seconded by K McCarthy, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 399- establishing the NH liberty act

Motion made by A Baldasaro to make no recommendation and just follow the bill, seconded by G Lynch, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 145- authorizing multi-use number plates

Motion made by E Josephson to drop it from our list, seconded by R Theberge, voted on and passed unanimously

HB 584- covered prescription drugs

HB 451-repealing the license requirement for carrying a concealed pistol or revolver

Both bills have no veteran impact; will drop them from our list.

3. New Business:

a. National Legislative Staff Remarks:

1. Sarah Holmes (Senator Shaheen):

SHAHEEN, AYOTTE ANNOUNCE PEASE IS CANDIDATE FOR KC-46A TANKER U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) announced that New Hampshire's Pease Air National Guard base is one of only five Air National Guard installations selected for the Air Force's candidate base list for the new KC-46A air refueling tanker. This important announcement represents a significant step in the process of determining where the new tankers will be based. Shaheen and Ayotte, both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, have worked closely together to advocate for Pease during the Air Force's candidate evaluation process.

SHAHEEN, AYOTTE LEAD BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND AWARENESS

U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) this week introduced legislation aimed at expanding mental health first aid training and increasing the effectiveness of mental health care across the nation. The Mental Health First Aid Act of 2013 provides support for training programs to help the public identify, understand, and address crisis situations safely. The bill also calls for protocols for initiating timely referrals to mental health services available in local communities.

SHAHEEN, COLLINS CALL ON SENATE LEADERSHIP TO ACT, AVOID AUTOMATIC DEFENSE CUTS In a letter to Senate leaders Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Susan Collins (R-ME) have called for a balanced, bipartisan deficit reduction solution that protects jobs and national security interests. The letter and call for action comes in the wake of the United States Navy announcing extraordinary budget-cutting measures in preparation for further cuts under sequestration.

2. Steve Monier (Senator Ayotte):

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: On January 3, 2013, Senator Ayotte announced her committee assignments for the 113th Congress. She will serve on five Senate Committees: Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Budget; and Aging.

January 9 Pease Announced as Candidate for KC-46A Tanker: Senator Ayotte along with Senator Shaheen announced that New Hampshire's Pease Air National Guard base is one of only five Air National Guard installations selected for the Air Force's candidate base list for the new KC-46A air refueling tanker. This announcement represents a significant step in the process of determining where the new tankers will be based. "This is welcome news for Pease and the 157th Air Refueling Wing, which provides the best tanker support in the Air National Guard," said Shaheen and Ayotte in a joint statement. "As the Air Force's evaluation process moves forward, Pease continues to be well-positioned to receive the new tanker." In meetings with Air Force officials over the past year, Shaheen and Ayotte have repeatedly praised the New Hampshire National Guard's 157th Air Refueling Wing and highlighted Pease's unique advantages as an ideal location to base the KC-46A. The selected Air National Guard base will receive aircraft beginning in fiscal year 2018.

January 11 President Signs Ayotte Bill to Restore American Veterans Cemetery in Philippines: Bipartisan legislation introduced by Senator Kelly Ayotte to restore the Clark Veterans Cemetery, which is the final resting place in the Philippines for more than 8,300 U.S. service members and their dependents, was signed into law by President Obama. Following a volcanic eruption in 1991, the U.S. abandoned Clark Air Force Base, leaving the cemetery covered in ash and overgrown by weeds. Since 1994, volunteers in the Philippines have attempted to maintain the cemetery without assistance from the U.S. government. In April, Senators Ayotte and Begich (D-AK) introduced The Remembering America's Forgotten Veterans Cemetery Act (S. 2320), which had 15 bipartisan cosponsors and requires the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to restore, operate, and maintain Clark Veterans Cemetery to honor the courageous Americans buried there. "Clark Veterans Cemetery is sacred ground, and the brave Americans who are buried there deserve a dignified and well-maintained final resting place," said Senator Ayotte, "I'm so pleased that President Obama signed this bill into law, which will ensure that our country keeps its promise to forever honor these heroes."

January 14-20 CODEL: Senator Ayotte, along with seven other Senators travelled to Egypt, Afghanistan, Jordan, and Israel. In Egypt, Senator Ayotte met with President Morsi and Prime Minister Qandil as well as members of the Syrian Opposition Council. In Afghanistan, Senator Ayotte met with President Karzai as well as New Hampshire service members currently deployed in the country. In Jordan, Senator Ayotte met with King Abdallah and toured Syrian refugee camps. Finally, in Israel, Senator Ayotte met with President Peres as well as Prime Minister Netanyahu.

January 18 New Hampshire's 157th Air Refueling Wing Recognized for Excellence: Senator Ayotte, along with Senator Shaheen congratulated New Hampshire's 157th Air Refueling Wing, based at Pease Air National Guard

base, on receiving the prestigious Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The award from the Secretary of the Air Force recognizes a unit's exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement. This announcement marks the 11th time that the 157th has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award." This recognition is a testament to the 157th's exceptional service in providing the best tanker support in the Air National Guard," said Shaheen and Ayotte. "As the Air Force continues its evaluation process for the KC-46A, this award further demonstrates why the 157th is an ideal unit to receive the next generation tanker."

January 23 Senator Ayotte met with former Senator Chuck Hagel, the nominee to be the next Secretary of Defense. Senator Ayotte and former Senator Hagel discussed important national security issues for over an hour. Senator Ayotte Welcomes Pentagon's Decision to Lift Ban on Women in Combat.

Senator Ayotte's activities in state during January included, but were not limited to:

1. On Thursday, January 3rd, Senator Ayotte hosted a reception for her service academy nominees and their family members at the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord.
2. On Wednesday, January 9th, Senator Ayotte met with the leadership team at Wiggins Airways to discuss airport and regulatory issues affecting the private aircraft market.
3. On Thursday, January 10th, she toured the Thermo Fischer manufacturing facility in Portsmouth and received the National Association of Manufacturers Award.
4. She also met with the Londonderry HS Marching band that afternoon to wish them well as prepared to leave for the Inaugural Parade in D.C.
5. On Friday, January 25th, Senator Ayotte spoke to the luncheon meeting of the NH Business & Industry Association about her work on the Armed Services committee, her recent CODEL to the Middle East and the economic and budget challenges facing our nation.
6. She spoke that same afternoon at the 5 PM memorial service for Sen. Warren Rudman about his legacy of service to our nation as a Combat Platoon leader in the USMC during the Korean War, as NH's AG, and then as a U.S. Senator deeply concerned about our national security and fiscal health as a nation.

3. Josh Denton (Congresswoman Shea-Porter):

During the legislative staff remarks portion of the meeting I spoke about the Congresswoman's subcommittees, the burn pit registry and the Veterans Health Equity Act. The Congresswoman is on the Military Personnel Subcommittee and Readiness Subcommittee of the House Armed Service Committee. The Congresswoman was big advocate for the creation of a burn pit registry by the VA in her previous terms in Congress and I announced that the President recently signed such a registry into law. The Veterans Health Equity Act ensures at least one full-service VAMC in each of the 48 contiguous states or comparable services provided by contract.

4. Michael Ollen (Congresswoman McLane-Kuster):

Congresswoman Kuster has finalized her committee assignments. She has officially been named to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. She will be serving on the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

- o On the morning of 2/5, she participated in her first committee hearing. Rep. Kuster questioned Department of Veterans Affairs about safeguards to protect veterans following an outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease at VA facilities in Pennsylvania.
- o She pointed out that, while they expected to face danger when they deployed overseas, veterans should not have to worry about their safety when they are receiving medical care here at home.

She is also focused on workforce development and making sure veterans have a seamless transition to employment when they come home.

- o Next week, she will join with Republicans and Democrats in the House to pass the Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act, which will make it easier for Veterans with medical training to get certification for EMT jobs when they return to the civilian workforce.

While she is new to Congress and is still building her record, Congresswoman Kuster plans to make support for veterans – both legislatively and through casework – one of the central planks of her agenda.

b. Gov Hassan's Policy Advisor- Amy Kennedy

The Governor has been focused on the budget. She is continuing to monitor the bills that are coming through, especially those concerning veterans. I am wondering why SB 90 isn't on your list, it pertains to giving veterans preference in government hiring. There is a hearing on it tomorrow at 0900, will be establishing a study commission on it. The Governor also submitted a letter in support of the KC-46A, had help from the TAG's office on the wording in the letter.

Motion made by A Baldasaro to support SB 90, seconded by G Lynch, voted on and passed unanimously.

4. Misc. / Announcements / Calendar Items:

- a. 237th MP (The Regulators) deployment ceremony 8 DEC at 1800 at the SNHU fieldhouse**

Approved

b. Mike Farinola- to date 37 veterans have obtained NH CDL licenses and at a national conference for DMV, 10 states have taken NH's program back with them to try and emulate.

5. Motion to adjourn 1st M Farinola, 2nd A Grant and the meeting ended at 1945.

Next meeting date: 5 MAR 2013 (Regularly the 1st Tue at 1700) Location: NG Aviation Facility - Concord, NH

Respectfully submitted,

Steph Riley
Secretary